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Naples, December 22.

THE Council of Commerce lately eſtabliſhed here, is veſted with great Powers, and eſpecially to decide as Judges all Diſputes that may relate to Traffick by Sea or Land. They propoſe to improve the Manufactures now carried on in this Kingdom, and to ſet up and encourage others. The great Difficulty will be to induce a People accuſtomed to Sloth and Idleneſs, to reliſh Work, tho' for their better Maintenance. A Society is formed for erecting a Printing-houſe in this Capital: And they propoſe to begin by printing Miſſals, Breviaries, and other Books for the Service of the Church, with which we have hitherto been furniſhed by Foreigners. They will for the preſent make Uſe of Letter caſt at Florence.

Modena, Dec. 24, *N. S.* The Duke our Sovereign holds frequent Councils with his Miniſters for well regulating the publick Affairs, and particularly for promoting Commerce. By the Marriage of the Hereditary Prince with the young Dutcheſs of Maſſa, the two Dominions being become united, the Duke of Modena and the Regent Dutcheſs of Maſſa have agreed, and have already ſet Men to Work, to make a High-Road in the Mountains which ſeparate the Modeneſe from the Dutchy of Maſſa and Carrara. That Work is ſuſpended at preſent on Account of the bad Weather, but will be renewed in the Beginning of next Spring. This will be of great Advantage, not only to the Dutchies of Modena and Maſſa, but to great Part of Italy. For, Goods may be brought up hither by Water from Venice, Trieſte, and Fiume, and be carried from hence by Land to Carrara on the Coaſt of the Mediterranean, whence they may be ſent by Shipping to Leghorn, Genoa, Naples, Marſeilles, and other Ports; from which Ports Goods may in like Manner be conveyed by Sea to Carrara, and thence by Land hither, and ſent from hence by Water to the Ports in the Adriatick.

Vienna, Jan. 13, *N. S.* Yeſterday Morning between Eight and Nine a-Clock, the moſt Serene Archdutcheſs Maria Tereſa, Dutcheſs of Lorrain and Great Dutcheſs of Tuſcany, was ſafely delivered of a Princeſs, which at Six in the Evening was baptized with the uſual Ceremonies in the Apartment of his Royal Highneſs her Conſort, by Sig. Paolucci, the Pope's Nuncio at this Court, the Emperor and Empreſs and the Archdutcheſſes Marianna and Mary Magdalen preſent, the whole Court being ſumptuouſly dreſs'd. The young Princeſs was preſented to the Nuncio for Baptiſm by the Princeſs of Tuſcany Marianna Lodovica Electreſs Palatine Dowager, and named Maria Carolina Erneſtina Antonia Giovanna Joſepha.

Hague, Jan. 15. The States of Holland have been aſſembled ſince Wedneſday laſt, and have before them the extraordinary Petitions which the Council of State was directed to make for the Augmentation of the Land and Sea Force of this State. It is adviſed from Vienna, that Count Uhlefeld is nominated to the extraordinary Embaſſy, which his Imperial Majeſty propoſes to ſend next May to the Ottoman Port; and that, in the mean Time, he is to be continued his Imperial Majeſty's Ambaſſador to the States-General.

Admiralty Office, Jan. 10, 1739.

My Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty are hereby pleaſed to give Notice, that Directions have been ſent to the Lieutenants who are employed on or about the River Thames, in procuring Men for his Majeſty's Ships which are fitting out, not to impreſs the Maſters of any ſmall Boats, commonly called Peter Boats, employed on the ſaid River in catching Fiſh for the Supply of the City of London, provided the ſaid Perſons are actually Maſters of the ſaid Boats, and not Seamen. J. Burchett.

By the Agents for the Captors of the Spaniſh Prizes taken and brought to Gibraltar in the Years 1726 and 1727,

Notice is hereby given, That the Officers and Company of his Majeſty's Ship the Lyme, will be paid the Proportions of the Prize Saytia, called the Roſario, St. Franciſco Xavier, and St. Jacintho, taken by the ſaid Ship the 11*th Day of June,* 1727. *And that the Officers and Companies of his Majeſty's Ships the Prince Frederick and Yarmouth will be paid their Proportions of the Produce of the Spaniſh Effects taken out of the St. Michael on the* 21*ſt of April,* 1727, *by the ſaid two Ships, purſuant to his Majeſty's Warrant of Privy Seal, dated the* 14*th Day of December,* 1739, *on the following Days, viz. The Officers and Company of his Majeſty's*